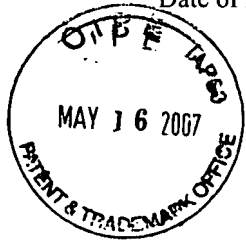


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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)	
CALCULATING AND DISTRIBUTING)	
UTILITY COSTS)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, Applicants have timely filed this Response by Express Mail. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to grant allowance of this application in view of the following remarks.

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